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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Gary K. Michelson)

Serial No.: 09/618,037)

Filed: July 17, 2000)

For: Single-Lock Anterior Cervical
Plate (As Amended))

Group Art Unit: 3731

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, the following
amendments and remarks are submitted:

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title to read as follows:

--SINGLE-LOCK ANTERIOR CERVICAL PLATE--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 102-199 and 291-298 without prejudice or disclaimer of
their subject matter and add the following new claims:

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